

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A waveguide device including a light transmitting body having a first surface, a second surface, and having a longitudinal axis. ~~At where~~ at least one of the first and second surfaces, and preferably both surfaces, are configured to extend in a direction ~~be~~ non-parallel to the longitudinal axis. The body of the waveguide can be configured in an elliptical shape along the longitudinal axis, whereby a proximal portion of the waveguide device is symmetrical with a distal portion. The waveguide device being elliptically configured can be combined with a light source to form an optical transfer system.

~~The present invention also includes an optical transfer system having a light source and an elliptically configured waveguide device.~~